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## Weekly Newsletter: 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### School Expansion Meeting

You should've on Friday received a letter about the proposed expansion plans. Please come along to the open evening on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October (4:30 – 6:00pm)** if you would like to know more. Just to clarify: this will take place in the school hall (this wasn't clear on the letter!). It is open to all current and prospective parents – as well as local residents who may be interested also!

### Applications for secondary school

If your child is in Y6, you will already be thinking about which secondary school to send them to. Sheffield City Council's deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 (with the online application window closing at 12pm on the 13<sup>th</sup> October). You can read more here: <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare/apply-school-place>

To help you with this decision, most schools put on 'Open Evenings'. If you are not sure where to send your child, I strongly recommend visiting the school/s themselves and asking any questions you may have. The majority of our Y6s go to either Bradfield or Stocksbridge and details about their Open Evenings can be found below:

- **Bradfield:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 5:00 – 7:00pm
- **Stocksbridge:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 4:30 – 7:00pm

### FoWSS – Family Picnic

Thank you to 'Friends of Wharncliffe Side School' (our PTA) for organising last week's 'Family Picnic' (rearranged from before the summer due to bad weather). It was well attended and everyone had lots of fun (see the photos on our Facebook page). Thanks also to the various parents / grandparents who helped out on the day. We really couldn't do these kinds of events without your support. If you are interested in helping at future events, please email FoWSS at [friends@wharncliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:friends@wharncliffeside.sheffield.sch.uk).

### Bags of Kindness

Peak Edge Trust are still operating their successful '**Bags of Kindness**' scheme. We have a box in reception and are happy to accept non-perishable food donations. If you would like to claim a bag for yourself, please let the office know and we will get it to you when available...

### MTC Cup

Starting this Tuesday at 9am, our KS2 children will be taking part in the '**MTC Cup**' tables competition. We have been drawn in a group with 13 other local schools (including Oughtibridge, Nook Lane, Bradfield Dungworth, Loxley and Grenoside from Peak Edge). The top schools will qualify for the finals due to take place the following week... COME ON WHARNCLIFFE SIDE!

### SUFC Camps

SUFC will again be running their popular football camps at various locations during the October half-term holiday. I realise that is a few weeks away yet but places get booked up quickly! If you would like to book a place or find out more, please click the link [here](#).

*Mr Gaughan*

*Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.*



## Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Jude, Briar, Cameron, Kaiden (Ash); Dakota, Maddie B, Astrid (Willow); Aaron, Poppy, Ross (Rowan); Zach, Matthew, Josh G, Braxton (Sycamore); Lukas K, Charlotte, Isaac, Mickey (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Ben (Oak) is our first Silver Award winner of the year! Well done Ben!
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Myla & Henry
- ★ **Reception Star of the Week:** Joseph
- ★ **Rowan's Swimmer of the Week:** Hope & Elliana (the instructors couldn't decide!)
- ★ Well done to the 15 Y6 children who completed their 'Bikeability' training last week. The instructors were very impressed with your effort and attitude (especially given the awful weather). They even said we are their favourite school!
- ★ Thank you to Reuben, Rocco and Jonah who volunteered to help at the FoWSS Picnic on Friday.
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance overall was only 93.9% last week but Ash (KS1) and Rowan (KS2) did really well with 99% and 100% respectively!
- ★ **House Point winners:** Asia won for the first time this year!



This week's birthdays: Zach (10), Frankie-Lola (5), Reuben (11), Penny (7), Millie-Mai (9)

This week's 'School Standard' is:  
Be Kind (OUR #1 RULE!)

## What's Happening?

Little Seedlings & Saplings will be making bread - just like the 'Little Red Hen'.

Ash will be exploring the characters in their focus story: 'Penguin'.

Willow enjoyed doing cricket with Sharon. Their PE lessons will now take place on Mondays & Fridays from now on! (instead of Tuesdays).

KS2 children in The Learning Zone will be making collages to help with their descriptions.

Rowan are beginning their new unit in art - collages in the style of Henri Matisse.

Sycamore will be starting their new class novel: 'Queen of Darkness' by Tony Bradman.

Meanwhile, Oak's class novel is 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll.



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